

**Remarks**

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Office Action sent 20 October 2008. To expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have canceled independent Claim 1 and made clarifying amendments to Claims 4, 5, 8-11, 21, and 31. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and allow all pending claims.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has allowed independent Claim 31. Applicants appreciate the allowance of independent Claim 31.

**Independent Claims 11 and 21 are Allowable Over  
the Proposed *Huang-Karpoff* Combination**

The Examiner rejects independent Claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,748,882 to Huang ("*Huang*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0049740 by Karpoff ("*Karpoff*"). Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner, to expedite issuance of a patent from this Application, Applicants have canceled independent Claim 1 and made clarifying amendments to independent Claims 11 and 21. Independent Claims 11 and 21, as amended, recite limitations similar to those in independent Claim 31. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and allow independent Claims 11 and 21 and all their dependent claims. Moreover, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and allow dependent Claims 4-10, which as amended depend on independent Claim 31.

**Conclusion**

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and allow all pending claims.

If a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application, the Examiner may call Travis W. Thomas, Attorney for Applicants, at 650.739.7503.

The Commissioner may charge any fee due and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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